

Mr G. Horspool, Chief Inspector of Police, leaves Hong, we understand, by next English mail for home, on nine months' leave of absence, a holiday which has been well earned, Mr Horspool having put in the last six of his seventeen years service without break or leave of any kind.

Cebu was visited by a typhoon on the 25th April, which, as it came on suddenly, caused much damage, both ashore and aboard. Several coasting schooners were totally wrecked, and others went ashore and greatly damaged their cargoes. The steamer *Behu* also sustained some damage about her deck, and to save the ship had to jettison some of her cargo. Ashore, a great number of houses were unroofed, trees uprooted, and sugar, hemp and rice damaged. The tobacco, sugar and maize crops have all suffered considerably. In Iloilo also, the typhoon raged with great violence. Many people were rendered homeless. Among other houses destroyed was the printing office of the newspaper *Periculi de Visayas*.

A LETTER from Natal gives an account of some experiences in the development of marksmanship in South Africa, which should be taken note of by those who are responsible for good shooting in the army and the auxiliary forces. The writer says:—“We do not know yet if we are to have a game at the Boer or not, but the young Boers wish for it, and we, of all ages, the same. Game we will open their eyes when the shooting begins. I have my men out field-firing every day, my targets being Boer's heads (circular engravings 18 in. diameter). Each squad, at long ranges, fire at one target, between 800 and 300 yards. They can now put 17 per cent. of his into that small target. At short ranges, 150 to 250, the target is three Boer's heads. They can do 40 per cent. firing heads. My men would every one, I believe, give his life to wipe out Majuba.”

QUETTAH is a fortified town in Khatlo Bolo, the capital of a district near the Helan Pass, and close to the Pishin Valley. It is on the direct road from Sibi to which place a railway is already constructed. The town is surrounded by a wall and entrance and exit are effected by means of two gates, the southern and the eastern. A fort has been constructed in the centre of the town, on an artificial mound, from which an extensive view of the neighbouring valleys and the surrounding country may be obtained. The residence of the Governor is at the fort, which eight years ago possessed but a single gun. Strategically the town is of the greatest importance, being situated at a vital point on the southernmost route between India and Afghanistan. It has become an advanced British military station. Its occupation secures the command of the Pishin Valley, checks the unruly Bugti, Marri, and other tribes, keeps open the roads of the Khojast and Ojwa Passes over the Khoja Amra range, and facilitates a rapid advance on Kandahar. For nine years past a British political officer, with an adequate military escort, has been resident at Quetta, his official designation being “the Governor-General's Agent for Baluchistan.” It was Quetta, which formed the base of operations of the South-eastern column during the Afghan campaign of 1878-80, and it was from Quetta that the British troops advanced to Kandahar, which they occupied after only a faint resistance. The Valley of Quetta is between five and six thousand feet above the sea, and in summer the climate is pleasant, the heat being tempered by cool breezes from the hills. In winter there is considerable cold. Four years ago it was computed that the town contained about 4,000 inhabitants, most of whom were Afghans. —Daily News.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the members of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon, when there were present:—H. E. the Governor (President); Hon. W. H. Marsh, Colonial Secretary; Hon. E. L. O'Malley, the Attorney-General; Hon. A. Lister, Colonial Treasurer; Hon. J. M. Price, Surveyor-General; Hon. F. Stewart, Registrar-General; Hon. P. Ryrie; Hon. T. Jackson, Hon. F. D. Sassoon, and Hon. Wong Shing. Absent:—Hon. Sir G. Phillip, Chief Justice (on leave); and Hon. W. Keewick.

THE MINUTES of the last meeting being read, the Hon. P. Ryrie asked that his dissent to the third reading of the Bill for the Incorporation of the Roman Catholic Vicar Apostolic in Hongkong be recorded, as he noticed this had not been done.

His Excellency said that the hon. gentleman's vote had been recorded, and ordered the Clerk of Councils to record the fact in the minutes.

THE FOLLOWING VOTES, in excess of the estimates for 1885, passed by the Finance Committee on the 7th instant, were approved by the Council:—

Honorary, sanctioned by the Secretary of State, to Mr Hillier, Acting Chinese Secretary at the British Legation, for Superintending Chinese Studies of two Cdoles in Peking, 20100 a 3/8—\$ 545.45

Increase in the Salary of Chinese Clerk and Sheriff of Supreme Court, from \$40 to \$50 per month, from 1st April to 30th November, 1885—\$ 80.00

Arrears of pay for 1884 due to Inspector Lindsey, who has just returned from leave, and accepted the increase of pay under the new regulations—\$ 81.23

Arrears of pay for 1884 due to four Police Constables who have accepted the increase of pay under the new regulations, 240.00

Services Exclusive of Establishments, Government Gardens and Plantations, Supplementary vote for Afforestation being amount required to carry out certain contracts in which the Government is already pledged for this year—\$3,000.00

Police. For the supply of 300,610 rounds of Martini-Henry Ammunition required for the use of the Police and Volunteers—\$9,981.11

Roads, Streets and Bridges. New Roads near the old Mahomedan Cemetery, 2nd instalment—\$2,500.00

Miscellaneous Services. Cost of apparatus for testing of Coal Gas—\$ 600.00

Colonial Defence. Approximate cost of fitting for torpedoes, four Steam-launches, 2220 a 3/8—\$1,200.00

Allowance to a Seaman Gunner, Instructor, a 550 per annum (\$272.72), from 1st April to 30th November, 1885—\$ 181.80

DIRECT TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION WITH SINGAPORE.

His Excellency—Hon. gentlemen, before proceeding with the Order of the Day, I wish to inform you that I have now received a reply from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to my telegram respecting the proposed direct telegraphic cable between Hongkong and Singapore, which was signed in your resolution of the 1st April. The reply of Lord Derby is in these words:—“Her Majesty's Government consider that there would be no advantage gained by a direct submarine cable communication with the heavy expenditure and the annual payment required.” However, I have transmitted for favourable consideration a suggestion on this subject by a high military authority which, if the Government approve of it, would secure the desired object at a comparatively small cost.

THE POST OFFICE ORDINANCE. A bill to amend the Post Office Ordinance, the purpose of which has already been explained, was read a third time and passed.

THE MARRIED WOMEN'S DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY ORDINANCE. This Ordinance was read a third time and passed.

TRADE MARKS. A bill enabling residents to obtain trade marks without having to make application to the Home authorities as is the practice at present, was read a third time and passed.

CHILD ADOPTION AND DOMESTIC SERVITUDE IN HONGKONG. A bill which was introduced a week or two ago for the prevention of abuses connected with child adoption and domestic servitude in Hongkong, and the full text of which was published on the 27th ultimo, was today thrown out. The Attorney-General said he had to move that the order dealing with this bill be discharged. He declared that “it is a thing desirable that the further progress of this bill should be for the present suspended, in order that fuller consideration be given to the scope of its provisions.”

THE FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS. A bill to extend the privileges accorded to the French mail steamers of having the status of men-of-war in Hongkong harbour for one year was read a first time.

ANNOUNCEMENT. The Council was then adjourned until 4 p.m. this day week.

Russia's Financial Position. It is generally recognised that Russia's credit in money matters is lower at the present moment than it has been since the year 1823, when she issued her first foreign loan at 77 per cent. Since then she has issued eighteen foreign loans in all, at varying figures, the highest being attained in 1832, when she issued a loan for 215,000,000 at 94 per cent., and the lowest in 1832, her latest, when she obtained a loan of 28,000,000 at 55, bearing interest at the rate of three per cent. Since 1832 her financial position has become worse, and it would be next to impossible for that vast country to procure a loan sufficient to enable her to carry on operations in a great war with Britain. On the 1st January, 1884, her national debt amounted to 2374,000,000, exclusive of a railway debt of 1180,000,000. Only twice since 1876 has her revenue exceeded her expenditures. A convincing proof of the unsoundness of her financial position is found in the fact that on the 1st January, 1884, the total amount of paper money of forced currency was 2108,500,000. In one of his recent lectures in Australia, George Augustus Sala stated that he was in a position to vouch for the truth of the assertion that 50 per cent. of the paper money in circulation in Russia was forged by the Nihilists. Probably a goodly quantity of the paper money is forged by the Nihilists, but for our part we are inclined to believe, judging from several known exposures, that a great deal of this rascality might be safely ascribed to the officials, some of whom are terribly corrupt. As an instance of their corruption, we may quote the case of the Grand Duke Nicholas, who was commander-in-chief of the army of the Danube in the Russo-Turkish war in 1877. He was found guilty of receiving a bribe of 500,000 roubles, or £50,000, from the contractor who supplied the forces. For this offence, he was dismissed from all the high offices of state, and had to give up his command to General Tudenlof before Constantinople, and was sent to live abroad. When we find corruption of this nature in one of the members of the Royal Family, can we wonder at the rascality that is known to exist in every department of State in this autocratically-governed country.

Police-Intelligence. (Before E. Maclean, Esq.) Friday, May 8.

RECORDED A POLICE CONSTABLE. A barber named Wong Aying was charged with persuading a police constable on the 7th inst.

Sergeant Butlin was in the Chee Cheong pawn shop yesterday examining some jewellery when a defendant came in to pawn a watch. He gave his name as Ahn Aying, and said he was a constable. No

30, and lived at the Central Station. As a matter of fact defendant had no connection with the police. He was ordered to find a security in \$5 to be of good behaviour for six months; in default to be committed.

LARCENY. Wong Atuk, an unlicensed hawk, admitted a charge of stealing one dollar in copper coins, the property of a noble named Tang Ahn, on the 7th inst., and was sent to prison for three weeks.

PUBLIC GAMBLING. Inspector Mathieson and Sergeant Butlin, with a party of constables, entered the upper room of No. 78 Queen's Road West on a warrant at 8 a.m. to-day and captured five constables who were engaged with others gambling at fan-tan. Three of the defendants attempted to escape by descending the smoke hole, but were captured at the bottom.

Mr Ramon Morente, the landlord of the house No. 78, stated that towards the end of last month one floor of the house became unoccupied. He had sent a servant to lock the doors up but he had heard from the servant that the premises had been opened. He reported it to the police on the 2nd inst.

Previous convictions for gambling were proved against two of the defendants, who were now fined \$20, or a month's imprisonment. The other three were fined 10 shillings, or seven days.

IRISHMEN IN CHINA. The following letter, contributed by a private correspondent to the *Freeman's Journal*, will no doubt delight the hearts of Irishmen in China, and amuse the representatives of countries less prolific in the out-turn of brilliant and great men. Some of the statements in the letter are scarcely accurate, but we do not care to disturb the equanimity of the writer—who, by the way, we surmise is Mr J. A. Blake, ex-member of Parliament for Waterford, and who lately visited China, by pointing out his errors:—

Hankow, 1st February, 1885.

Right in the heart of China proper, nearly seven hundred miles up the great Yangtze river—after the Mississippi, the longest river in the world—rising in distant Tibet, and rushing in turbid flood for full three thousand miles, past many famous towns, including the old capital, Nankin, until it reaches the yellow sea of the Yellow Sea beyond Shanghai—who would suppose that Ireland counted for something here, and yet, strangely enough it does, so far as the Scotch are concerned. It is a thing desirable that the further progress of this bill should be for the present suspended, in order that fuller consideration be given to the scope of its provisions.

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county Galway, proprietor of the chief hotel, the steam navigation on the Yangtze-kiang, the most important in China, is now a monopoly in the hands of the Chinese.

The vast steamers, capable of each holding five hundred first and second class passengers, besides two thousand tons of cargo, are entrusted only to the ablest men. Amongst them, Captain Lovick, of Dergong, is a most prominent place until the retired, and now Captain Lloyd, of Waterford, has an important position in connection with them. The pilotage, in point of responsibility and emolument, is nearly equal to that of a consular agent, and is paid by the fact that in the tea season about twenty foreign-going steamers ascend to Hankow for cargoes of tea. The latter, on an average, worth five hundred thousand pounds. The pilotage is a most important position. Some of them take up two vessels in the season, thus realising five hundred pounds for two trips, each occupying six days up and down. This is in addition to their emolument as pilots of the regular tea steamers, so that some of them, besides their maintenance, realise a thousand pounds a year. Of the thirty-six river pilots, none hold higher places in the estimation of their employers than Mr Seymour, whose family, which is now in the hands of the British, has a long history in the tea trade. John Flood, born in Clonmel, who thinks there is no river like his native Suir, though besides the Yangtze-kiang he has navigated the Mississippi. A thorough knowledge of the river, and a long and endless war on his hands vindicating the National cause of Ireland against the aspirations of his numerous English and Scotch shipmates. He is now busy inaugurating a subscription amongst the Irish in Shanghai towards the formation of a family fund, to be known as the “Irish Endless War on his hands vindicating the National cause of Ireland against the aspirations of his numerous English and Scotch shipmates. 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Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MEDITERRANEE AND BLACK SEA PORTS.
NAPLES, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA; BORDEAUX, LE HAVRE, DUNKIRK, LONDON AND ANTWERP.

ON THURSDAY, the 14th May, 1885, at Noon, the Company's S.S. YAGUETTE, Commandant LOMBERG, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, FREIGHT, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 13th May, 1885. (Parcels are not to be sent on board); they must be left at the Agency's Office.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, May 1, 1885. 718

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF PEKING will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, with the option of calling at Honolulu, on SATURDAY, the 10th May, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, Freight, and Cargo, to Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Ports of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all transatlantic lines of Steamers.

RETURN PASSAGES.—Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 20% from Return Fare, if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of 10% will be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return Passage Orders, available for one year, will be issued at a Discount of 25% from Return Fare. These allowances do not apply to Through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 6 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to ports beyond San Francisco should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 50, Queen's Road Central.

F. E. FOSTER, Agent.

Hongkong, May 2, 1885. 724

Intimations.

SUMMER TIME TABLE.

THE KOWLOON FERRY.

STEAM-LAUNCH MORNING STAR.

RUNS DAILY as a Ferry Boat between Peddar's Wharf and Tai-Tai-Tai at the following hours:—

WEEK DAYS. SUNDAYS.

Leave Peddar's Wharf. Leave Tai-Tai-Tai.

6.00 A.M. 7.00 A.M. 6.00 A.M. 7.00 A.M.

8.00 " 8.30 " 7.30 " 8.00 "

8.50 " 9.00 " 9.00 " 10.15 "

9.40 " 10.15 " 11.00 " NOON.

10.45 " 12.30 P.M. 12.30 P.M. 1.00 P.M.

12.45 P.M. 1.30 " 2.30 " 3.00 "

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4.50 " 5.10 " 5.25 " 5.40 "

5.25 " 5.40 " 5.55 " 6.10 "

6.15 " 6.30 " 6.45 " 7.00 "

6.45 " 7.00 " 7.15 " 7.30 "

7.15 " 7.30 " " "

* There will be no Launch on Monday and Friday, on account of coaling.

The above Time Table will be strictly adhered to, except under unavoidable circumstances. In case of stress of weather, due notice will be given of any stoppages.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

THIS paper is now issued every day. The subscription is fixed at Four Dollars per annum delivered in Hongkong, or Ten Dollars Forty Cents including postage to Coast ports.

It is the first Chinese Newspaper ever issued under purely native direction. The chief support of the paper is of course derived from the native community, amongst whom also are to be found the guarantors and securities necessary to place it on a business and legal footing.

Projectors, basing their estimates upon the most reliable information from the various Ports in China and Japan, from Australia, California, Singapore, Penang, Saigon, and other places frequented by the Chinese, consider themselves justified in guaranteeing a large and ever-increasing circulation. The advantages offered to advertisers are therefore unusually great, and the foreign community generally will find it to their interest to avail themselves of them.

The field open to a paper of this description, conducted by native efforts, but progressive and anti-obstructive in tone, is almost limitless. On the one hand commands Chinese belief and interest, while on the other it deserves every aid that can be given to it by foreigners.

Like English journals it contains Editorial, with Local, Shipping, and Commercial News and Advertisements.

Subscription orders for the above may be sent to

GEO. MURRAY BAIN,

China Mail Office.

Hongkong Rates of Postage.

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double, treble, &c., as the case may be, but such papers, or packets of papers, may be sent at Book Rates. Two papers may be sent at Book Rate. Printed matter may not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except bona fide Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Printed matter may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as, though Written by Hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied letters, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books, but, whatever the weight of a packet containing any partially written paper, it will not be charged less than 5 cents.

The sender of any Registered Article will accompany it with a Return Receipt on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers to Foreign Post Offices is 4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces, and must not exceed these dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2 inches.

Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise Europe, all foreign possessions in Asia, Japan, W. Africa, Egypt, Mauritius, all N. America, Mexico, Salvador, Brazil, Peru, Chili, Venezuela, The Argentine Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guiana, Honduras, Bermuda, Labuan, Hawaii, with all Danish, French, Netherlands, Portuguese and Spanish Colonies.

Countries not in the Union.—The chief countries not in the Union are the Australian Group, and S. Africa.

Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route:—

Letters, 10 cents per 1 oz.

Post Cards, 3 cents each.

Registration, 10 cents.

Newspapers, 2 cents each.

Books, Patterns and, 2 cents per 2 oz.

Comm. Papers, 2 cents per 2 oz.

There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 10; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2; Comm. Papers, 2; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

Natal, the Cape, St. Helena, Ascension, Bolivia, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 5; Books and Patterns, 5.

General Local Rates for Hongkong, Canton, China, Japan, Siam, direct (if), India, China, Japan, and the Philippines.

Letters per 1 oz., 5 cents (c).

Post Cards, each, 1 cent.

Books, Patterns and, per 2 oz., 2 cents.

Newspapers and Prices Current, each, 2 cents.

Registration, 10 cents.

(d) Via Singapore, 10 cents.

(e) Between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao 2 cents.

Local Delivery.

1. All correspondence posted before 5 p.m. on any week day for addresses in Victoria will be delivered the same day, and generally within two hours, unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contract Mails.

2. Invitations, &c. can generally be delivered within Victoria at the private houses of the addressees rather than at places of business, if a wish to that effect be expressed by the sender, otherwise all correspondence is invariably delivered at the nearest place of business.

3. Holders who desire to send Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, &c., all of the same weight, to addresses in Hongkong, Bangkok, or the Ports of China, may deliver them to the Post Office unopened, the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

4. Holders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed, if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

PARCELS.—The public is reminded that there is no such thing as Parcel Post to Europe, &c. Much trouble and disappointment are caused by persistent attempts to send small valuable trifles through the Post. Fans, Curios, Articles of Dress, Fancy Work, and similar presents are constantly being refused, the sender having often paid the freight by steamer. No refund can be made on such parcels of the value of Stamps obliterated before the nature of the contents was discovered.

Local and Indian Parcel Post

1. Small Parcels may be sent by Post at Book Rates between Hongkong and any of the British Post Offices in China, as well as to Japan, Manila, Peking, the Straits Settlements, Ceylon and India. They must not exceed the following dimensions, 2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, weigh more than lbs., nor be smaller than 3 in. by 2 in. Such parcels may be wholly closed, if they bear this special endorsement, PARCELS, containing no letters, but any parcel may be opened by direction of the Postmaster General. In the case of Parcels for India a declaration of contents and value is required, a printed form for which is supplied gratis. The Registration of Parcels for India and Ceylon is compulsory.

2. The following cannot be transmitted:—

Parcels insufficiently packed or protected, or liable to be crushed (as handboxes, &c.) Opium, Glass, Liquids, Explosive substances, Matches, Indigo, Dyestuffs, Ives, Meat, Fish, Game, Fruit, Vegetables, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or likely to become offensive or injurious in transit.

3. Parcels are as a general rule forwarded by Private Ship, not by Contract Mail Packet. To India they are forwarded by the P. & O. and Indian Mail Packets only, to Ceylon by P. & O. only. No responsibility is accepted with regard to any parcel, unless Registered, and then only to the amount of \$10.

4. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a Parcel Post to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

It is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received

for Postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or anything that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of suitable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the sample of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—

Books and Papers—to British Offices, 5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs. Patterns—to British Offices, 5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs. without intrinsic value; to the Continent, &c., 8 oz.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That applicable articles were made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately after the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handkerchiefs, bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition.

Missed or Delayed Correspondence.

When correspondence has been missed or delayed (both of which are liable to happen occasionally) all that the addressee need do is to note on the cover, Send to Will of the Wap, or Received at 7 p.m., or as the case may be, and forward it, without any other writing whatever, to the Postmaster General. This should be acted on the first time cause of complaint occurs; if it is a mistake for such matters pass for fear of giving trouble, a course which generally gives more trouble in the end.

Chair, Jinricksha, and Boat Hire.

LOCALISED TARIFF OF FARES FOR CHAIRS, CHAIR BRACKERS, AND BOATS, IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

Chairs.

Half hour, ... 10 cts. One hour, ... 20 cts.

Three hours, ... 50 cts. Six hours, ... 70 cts.

Day (from 6 to 6), One Dollar.

TO VICTORIA FARE.

Single Trip, Return Direct.

Four Coolies, \$1.00 Four Coolies, \$1.50

Three Coolies, 65 cts. Three Coolies, 1.20

Two Coolies, 40 cts. Two Coolies, 1.00

By Pok-fu-Lam. By Aberdeen, Shortest Road.

Four Coolies, \$2.00 Four Coolies, \$2.50

Three Coolies, 1.00 Three Coolies, 1.50

Two Coolies, 60 cts. Two Coolies, 1.00

By Wansai Gap.

Four Coolies, ... \$1.75

Three Coolies, ... 1.30

Two Coolies, ... 1.40

TO VICTORIA FARE.

Single Trip, Return Direct.

Four Coolies, 60 cts. Four Coolies, 90 cts.

Three Coolies, 50 cts. Three Coolies, 75 cts.

Two Coolies, 40 cts. Two Coolies, 60 cts.

Return by Pok-fu-Lam. Return by Aberdeen, Shortest Road.

Four Coolies, \$1.50 Four Coolies, \$2.00

Three Coolies, 1.00 Three Coolies, 1.50

Two Coolies, 60 cts. Two Coolies, 1.20

By Wansai Gap.

Four Coolies, ... \$1.15

Three Coolies, ... 0.85

Two Coolies, ... 0.80

TO THE PEAK CHURCH, AND HOUSES IN VICINITY OF MOUNT KELLEY AND MOUNT GOUGH.

Single Trip, Return Direct.

Four Coolies, 65 cts. Four Coolies, \$1.00

Three Coolies, 55 cts. Three Coolies, 85 cts.

Two Coolies, 45 cts. Two Coolies, 75 cts.

Returning by other routes will be the same as from Pok-fu-Lam.

The Return Fare embraces a trip of not more than three hours except returning by Aberdeen when three hours and a half will be allowed.

For every hour or part of an hour above three or three and a half, each Coolie will be entitled to an additional payment of two cents.

Nothing in above scale prevents private agreements.

Licensed Bearers (each).

One Hour, ... 10 cts.

Half day, ... 35 cts.

Day, ... 50 cts.

Quarter Hour, 6 cts. One Hour, 15 cts.

Half Hour, 10 cts. Two Hours, 25 cts.

For every hour or part of an hour 10 cts. over two hours, ... 10 cts.

To Pok-fu-Lam or Quarry Bay, ... 20 "

Return, ... 35 "

To Shaukiang, ... 50 "

Return, ... 65 "

To Aberdeen, ... 35 "

Return, ... 60 "

If an extra Coolie is employed, the fare will be double.

Nothing in this scale prevents private agreements.

BOAT AND COOLIE HIRE.

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900

piculs, per Day, ... \$5.00

2nd Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900

piculs, per Day, ... 2.00

3rd Class Cargo Boat of 600

piculs, per Day, ... 2.50

2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600

piculs, per Day, ... 1.75

3rd Class Cargo Boat of Ha-Kau Boat of 300 piculs, per Day, ... 1.50

3rd Class Cargo Boat of Ha-Kau Boat of 300 piculs, per Day, ... 1.00

3rd Class Cargo Boat of Ha-Kau Boat of 300 piculs, Half Day, ... 50

or Pullaway Boats, per Day, ... \$1.00

One Hour, ... 10

Half-day, ... 10 cts. extra.

Nothing in this Scale prevents private agreements.

STREET COOLIES.

Scale of Hire for Street Coolies.

One Day, ... 30 cts.

Half Day, ... 20 "

Three Hours, ... 12 "

One Hour, ... 5 "

Half Hour, ... 3 "

Nothing in the above Scale to affect private agreements.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore, &c., and those in the body of the Harbour or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section 1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.

Section 2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.

Section 3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.

Section 4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. & O. Co.'s Office.

Section 5. From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.

Section 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

Section 7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.

Section 8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.

Section 9. From East Point to the P. & O. Co.'s Office.

Section 10. From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.

Section 11. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

Section 12. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.

Section 13. From Blue Buildings to East Point.

Section 14. From East Point to the P. & O. Co.'s Office.

Section 15. From P. &